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The present document contains the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2006 (section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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I. Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2006 of the Council has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 2006 (decision 2006/208).

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(c) Statistics;

(d) Human settlements;

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(g) Public administration and development;

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(i) United Nations Forum on Forests;

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(a) Advancement of women;

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(d) Narcotic drugs;

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(f) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(g) Human rights;

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 2006, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (Council decision 2006/208).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, the Council will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the proposed theme for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Council.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed theme for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Council

A. High-level segment

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/162, the Council will devote the first day of the high-level segment to a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international trade and finance institutions on key issues of the global economy (see also General Assembly resolution 50/227).

2. Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development

The Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2005/313). The report, prepared in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), will incorporate inputs from a number of other relevant United Nations organizations and draw upon the outcomes of the special preparatory round tables of the Council, held on 4 and 5 April 2006, and of the "NGO Forum", sponsored by the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, held on 6 and 7 April 2006.

The Council will also have before it the *World Economic and Social Survey, 2006*, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50, and the relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session (Council resolution/decision 2005/306).

The Council will have before it the relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the high-level segment

World Economic and Social Survey, 2006

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

Letter dated 10 April 2006 from the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women addressed to the President of the Council (E/2006/21 and E/CN.6/2006/CRP.4)

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council[1]

At its fifty-ninth session, in paragraph 22 of its resolution 59/250, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to improve the *annual* statistical compendium to the operational activities segment of the Council by adding a multi-year perspective, fully incorporating available information and statistics.

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council also requested the Secretary-General to make use of the *annual* statistical compendium on operational activities for development submitted to the Council at its operational activities segment of its substantive session in its new format, adopted in accordance with paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 59/250. The compendium will include a better distinction between contributions made for humanitarian assistance and long-term development cooperation (Council resolution 2005/7, para. 9).

Also at its fifty-ninth session, in paragraph 23 of its resolution 59/250, the General Assembly requested the Council to undertake triennially, as of 2006, a comprehensive review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation.

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in response to paragraph 102 of General Assembly resolution 59/250, to update the matrix contained in the report of the Secretary-General (E/2005/58) on the management process for the implementation of the above resolution, including analytical reporting on results and outcomes achieved through the implementation of all actions outlined in the management process (Council resolution 2005/7, para. 3).

At its organizational session for 2006, the Council decided that the work of the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2006 should be devoted to examining the operational activities of the United Nations system in order to evaluate implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250, with a view to ensuring its full implementation, including through a comprehensive review of

trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation, and in this context decided to apply Assembly decision 60/545 (Council decision 2006/215).

At its substantive session of 1998, the Council invited the Secretary-General to arrange for the submission by the executive heads of the United Nations funds and programmes, in consultation with the United Nations Development Group, to the Council at its *annual* substantive session, of a concise consolidated list of issues that are central to the improved coordination of operational activities and on which the funds and programmes seek consideration by and guidance from the Council, in particular in regard to the triennial policy review, and to include in the list recommendations whenever possible (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 35/81 and resolution 59/250, para. 22, and Council resolution 2005/7)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review and trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 1020628440, and Council resolution 2005/7)

Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (E/2006/CRP.1)

(b) **Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme**

The Council will also have before it the reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, as well as the annual reports of the four funds and programmes. The reports include a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned, with emphasis on issues arising from the implementation of the Secretary-General's reform programme, the triennial comprehensive policy review and the follow-up to international conferences, so as to allow the Council to fulfil its coordinating role (General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 53/192 and Council resolutions 1994/33 and 1995/51).

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly invited the executive boards and governing bodies of the funds, programmes and the specialized agencies to assess regularly the progress achieved in the area of simplification and harmonization of rules and procedures, and requested the funds and programmes to provide, in their annual reports to the Council, specific information on the progress achieved in that area (General Assembly resolution 59/250, paras. 38 and 39).

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2005 (E/2005/35, Supplement No. 15) and its first regular session (DP/2006/16) and on its annual session of 2006

Joint report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2006/5)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2005 (E/2005/34/Rev.1-E/ICEF/2005/7/Rev.1), its first regular session of 2006 (E/2006/34 (Part I)-E/ICEF/2006/5 (Part I) and E/2006/34 (Part I)/Add.1-E/ICEF/2006/5 (Part I)/Add.1) and its annual session of 2006

Annual report to the Council of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2006/6-E/ICEF/2006/3)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2005 session (E/2006/36, Supplement No. 16)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme for 2005 (E/2006/14)

C. Coordination segment

4. Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger

At its substantive session of 2005, in its decision 2005/221, the Council adopted the following theme for its 2006 coordination segment: "*Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger*". The Council further decided to continue consultations on a multi-year work programme for the coordination segment, with a view to finalizing the work programme before the beginning of its substantive session of 2006.

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the mandated theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the coordination segment

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its organizational session for 2006, the Council decided that the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2006 would be, "*Strengthening of the coordination of United Nations humanitarian assistance: implementing improved humanitarian response at all levels, including strengthening capacity, with particular attention to recent humanitarian emergencies, including severe natural disasters*", and that it would convene two panels, the themes of

which would be, "Gender-based violence in humanitarian emergencies" and "Chronically underfunded emergencies" (Council decision 2006/214).

At its sixtieth session, the General Assembly:

- By its resolution 60/13, requested the Secretary-General to report to it on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the South Asian earthquake disaster — Pakistan, under the item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance" and to report to the Council at its substantive session in 2006;

- By its resolution 60/15, requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-first session on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster under the item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance", through the Council at its substantive session in 2006;

- By its resolution 60/124, decided to upgrade the current Central Emergency Revolving Fund into the Central Emergency Response Fund, encouraged the Council to discuss implementation of the Fund and requested the Secretary-General to report to it and to the Council on the detailed use of the Fund. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-first session, through the Council at its substantive session of 2006, on progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations. See also Council resolution 2005/4;

- By its resolution 60/220, requested the Secretary-General to report to it, through the Council, at the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2006, on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for El Salvador and Guatemala and on progress made in the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of the affected countries.

In accordance with Council resolution 1983/46, the Secretary-General orally apprises the Council *annually* on the status of the assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the South Asian earthquake disaster-Pakistan[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for El Salvador and Guatemala[2]

E. General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (E/2005/61) and decided to continue to take the necessary steps for the effective implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B, which are relevant to the work of the Council and its subsidiary machinery. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2005/48). See also under item 8 and chapeau of items 13 and 14.

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the modalities of the inter-agency coordination of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, including recommendations on the follow-up process (see Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (WSIS-05/TUNIS/DOC/6 (Rev.1)-E, para. 104), adopted at the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Tunis, 16-18 November 2005).

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (see also under item 8 and chapeau of items 13 and 14)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the modalities of the inter-agency coordination of the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes including recommendations on the follow-up process[2]

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

At its sixtieth session, the General Assembly resolved to continue to make full use of the existing institutional arrangements for reviewing the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus as set out in paragraph 69 of the Consensus and in line with General Assembly resolution 57/270 B, including the high-level dialogues convened by the Assembly and the spring meetings of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 24 April 2006) (General Assembly resolution 60/188).

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

At its substantive session of 2005, in its resolution 2005/44, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit an *annual* progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action. The report is submitted to the General Assembly, through the Council in response to paragraph 111 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (see Council decision 2001/320).

At its sixty-first session, the General Assembly will convene a high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action in New York on 19 and 20 September 2006. In a separate report, the Secretary-General will report on the midterm comprehensive global review to the Assembly at its sixty-first session (General Assembly resolution 60/228).

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[2]

7. **Coordination, programme and other questions**

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit an *annual* overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2005.

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session (Headquarters, 5-30 June 2006) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2005

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-sixth session (A/61/16, Supplement No. 16)

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 (Council resolution 1988/77 and General Assembly resolution 58/269).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 (see relevant fascicles of A/61/6)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council requested the President of the Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year to enable it to carry out, from within existing resources, the due fulfilment of the provisions of the Council resolutions on that item, to facilitate the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of information technology and to continue the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2006 on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2005/12).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council no later than six weeks before the start of the substantive session of 2006 and decided that the work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group will be reviewed at the substantive session of 2006, with a view to considering whether to continue its mandate, based on the Council's consideration of the report of the Advisory Group and of the situation then prevailing in Haiti (Council resolution 2005/46).

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The Council will have before it the *annual* report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. The report will be submitted to the General Assembly through the Commission on the Status of Woman and the Council, in response to Council resolution 2005/31 and General Assembly resolution 60/140. See also under sub-item 14 (a). The Council will also have before it a separate report of the Secretary-General on progress made and further steps in gender mainstreaming in the United Nations system (Council resolution 2005/31).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (see also under sub-item 14 (a))[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made and further steps in gender mainstreaming in the United Nations system

(f) **Information and Communication Technologies Task Force**

At its substantive session of 2001, the Council had requested the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary steps to establish the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force. The Task Force submits an *annual* report to the Secretary-General focusing on the major emerging issues, including recommendations thereon, in the context of information and communication technologies (Council decision 2001/210).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

(g) **Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict**

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council decided to undertake a further assessment of lessons learned from the experience of the ad hoc advisory groups, including progress made in the implementation of their mandate, during the substantive session of 2006, and requested the Secretary-General to report to it in this regard (Council resolution 2004/59).

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council decided, in the light of the current situation in Guinea-Bissau, to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until the substantive session of 2006, with the understanding that the decision on whether to renew its mandate will be based on the Council's consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group, which should be submitted no later than six weeks before the start of the 2006 substantive session, and the situation prevailing in Guinea-Bissau at that time (Council resolution 2005/32).

Also, at its substantive session of 2005, the Council requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi to report to it at its substantive session in 2006. The Council also decided that the work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group will be reviewed at the substantive session of 2006, with a view to considering whether to continue the mandate of the Advisory Group, based on the Council's consideration of its report, which should be submitted no later than six weeks before the start of the substantive session of 2006, and of the situation prevailing in Burundi at that time (Council resolution 2005/33).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on further assessment of lessons learned from the experience of the ad hoc advisory groups, including progress made in the implementation of their mandate

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

(h) **Tobacco or health**

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control to the Council at its substantive session of 2006 (Council resolution 2004/62).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control

8. **Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B**

At its substantive session of 2005, in its resolution 2005/48, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the role of the Council in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B for consideration by the Council at its substantive session in 2006. See also under the chapeau of items 6, 13 and 14.

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (see also under the chapeau of items 6, 13 and 14)[3]

9. **Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it *annual* reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

At its sixtieth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-first session, through the Council, on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 60/126 on the subject.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its substantive session of 2005, the Council, in its resolution 2005/49, requested the President of the Council to continue to maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council and requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of that resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2006 (see also General Assembly resolution 60/112).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people[2]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

10. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein. The report will bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the regional commissions that statutorily require approval by the Council. A section of the report will deal with the following topic, "*The regional dimension of creating an environment conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development*" (Council decision 2006/211).

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (Council decision 1979/1).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2006/15 and Add.1)

Economic trends as well as risks and opportunities for the economies in the Economic Commission for Europe region (E/2006/16)

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2005 (E/2006/17)

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2006 (E/2006/18)

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2005 (E/2006/19)

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2006-2007 (E/2006/20)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of its resolution 2005/51 and to continue to include, in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2005/51 (A/61/67-E/2006/13)[2]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31, the Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its 2006 session (Headquarters, 19-27 January and 10-19 May 2006) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The dates of the 2006 session of the Committee and provisional agenda were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/241.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2006 session (E/2006/32 (Parts I and II))

13. Economic and environmental questions

At its substantive session of 2005, in its decision 2005/305, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it a consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2006. See also under chapeaux of items 6, 8 and 14.

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (see also under item chapeaux of items 6, 8 and 14)

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fourteenth session (Headquarters, 1-12 May 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fourteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/229.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on the work of its eighth session (Headquarters, 20-24 March 2006).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fourteenth session (E/2006/29, Supplement No. 9)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session (E/2006/33, Supplement No. 13)

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the work of its ninth session (Geneva, 15-19 May 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/309.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session (E/2006/31, Supplement No. 11)

(c) Statistics

The Council will consider the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-seventh session (Headquarters, 7-10 March 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/244.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-seventh session (E/2006/24, Supplement No. 4)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2005/298).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

(e) Environment

The Council will have before it the report of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session (Dubai, 7-9 February 2006).

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Council (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3). The Governing Council meets in regular sessions every two years in odd-numbered years and in special sessions in alternate years (General Assembly resolution 53/242).

Documentation

Report of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session (A/61/25, Supplement No. 25)[2]

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on the work of its thirty-ninth session (Headquarters, 3-7 April 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/245.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-ninth session (E/2006/25, Supplement No. 5)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fifth session (Headquarters, 27-31 March 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its resolution 2005/55.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fifth session (E/2006/44, Supplement No. 24)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its first session, which was held in Geneva, from 5 to 9 December 2005. At its organizational session for 2006, the Council deferred consideration of the report of the first session to its substantive session of 2006 (Council decision 2006/213). The second session of the Committee will be held in Geneva from 30 October to 3 November 2006. The report of the second session will be considered by the Council at a later date.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its first session (E/2005/45, Supplement No. 25)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its sixth session (New York, 13-24 February 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its resolution 2005/29.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its sixth session (E/2006/42, Supplement No. 22)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

At its substantive session of 2000, the Council, in its decision 2000/32, reaffirmed the important role of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in mobilizing and monitoring, as appropriate, the economic assistance efforts of the international community and the United Nations system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council and, as appropriate, in identifying solutions to the special economic problems of those States. The Council further decided to continue consideration of this question, under the item entitled "Economic and environmental questions", taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council (see also General Assembly resolution 59/45).

At its substantive session of 2005, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (Council decision 2005/312).

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(k) Cartography

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-third session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (Vienna, 28 March-4 April 2006) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2004/303).

The report of the Secretary-General on the seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 18-22 September 2006) will be considered by the Council at a later date owing to the dates of the Conference (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2004/304).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-third session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Report of the Secretary-General on the seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

(l) Women and development

For consideration of this sub-item, the Council will have before it relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fiftieth session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fiftieth session (E/2006/27, Supplement No. 7)

14. Social and human rights questions

At its substantive session of 2005, in its decision 2005/305, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it a consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2006. See also under the chapeaux of items 6, 8 and 13.

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (see also under item chapeaux of items 6, 8 and 14)[3]

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fiftieth session (Headquarters, 22 March 2005, 27 February-10 March and 16 March 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/299.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall report *annually* on its activities to the Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

The Council will have before it the *annual* report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, with an assessment of progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective within the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 60/140 and Council resolution 2005/31). The report of the Secretary-General will continue to review the implementation of agreed conclusions 1997/2 in response to Council resolution 2004/4. See also under item 7 (e).

The Council will have before it the report of the third session of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. The Institute functions under the authority of the Executive Board, which reports *annually* to the Council (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fiftieth session (E/2006/27, Supplement No. 7)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (see also under item 7 (e))[2]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its third session

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fourth session (Headquarters, 18 February 2005, 8 to 17 February and 22 March 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-fourth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/235.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fourth session (E/2006/26, Supplement No. 6)

Letter dated 30 June 2005 from the Director-General of the International Labour Organization addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2006/11)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fifteenth session (Vienna, 24-28 April 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/249.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fifteenth session (E/2006/30, Supplement No. 10)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-ninth session (Vienna, 14-23 March 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/250.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2005.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-ninth session (E/2006/28, Supplement No. 8)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2005 (E/INCB/2005/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its fifty-eighth session, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an *annual* oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and should continue the existing practice, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), of presenting an *annual* written report to the Assembly (General Assembly resolution 58/153).

At its sixtieth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the Assembly at its sixty-first session, taking fully into account the efforts expended by countries of asylum, under the item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions", and to present an oral report to the Council at its substantive session of 2006 (General Assembly resolution 60/128).

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Letter dated 8 March 2006 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2006/3)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

At its sixtieth session, in its resolution 60/144, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the Commission on Human Rights, as a functional commission of the Council, shall have a central role in the monitoring of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action with the United Nations system and in advising the Council thereon.

Documentation

No advance documentation has been requested

(g) Human rights

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-second session (Geneva, 13 March-21 April 2006) (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II)).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions (Geneva, 25 April-13 May and 7-25 November 2005) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141).

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The Committee submits to the General Assembly, through the Council, every two years, reports on its activities (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex, article 44, para. 5)[2]

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-second session (E/2006/23, Supplement No. 3)

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions (E/2006/22, Supplement No. 2)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights[2]

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child[2]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifth session (Headquarters, 15-26 May 2006). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decision 2005/254.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifth session (E/2006/43, Supplement No. 23)

Notes

[1] The Council will also have before it, under item 3 (a), the report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2003 (A/60/74-E/2005/57) and the report of the Secretary-General on funding options and modalities for financing operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/60/83-E/2005/72) (General Assembly resolution 59/250, paras. 22 and 24, and decision 60/547).

[2] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

[3] In view of the close link between the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B and the work of the functional commissions on the implementation of the outcomes of major individual United Nations conferences and summits, and in order to rationalize the documentation in preparation for the substantive session, it was decided that the reporting and recommendations of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B and the work of the functional commissions of the Council for 2006 should be consolidated in a single comprehensive document.